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In re Application of: )

Gary Karlin Michelson )

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Interbody Spinal Fusion Implants )

Group Art Unit: 3732

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Further to the Information Disclosure Statement dated April 13, 2000 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Copies of English language abstracts, Search Reports, or in some cases where available, more complete translations or U.S./U.K. related patents of the listed non-English documents (previously cited) are attached.

Please note that in the IDS submitted April 13, 2000, ES 283078 is related to

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U.S. Patent No. 4,877,020; JP 57-29348 is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,349,921; and JP 61-122859 is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,759,766, all of which were also submitted in the IDS dated April 13, 2000. Additionally, the applicant submits herewith the following U.S./U.K. related patents corresponding with the following non-English references:

GB 1291470	relates to	DE 1961531
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GB 1492990	relates to	DE 2446039
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GB 1531487	relates to	FR 2295729
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US 5,279,292	relates to	DE 4104359
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and applicant(s) determine(s) that the cited document(s) do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

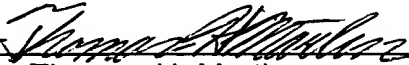
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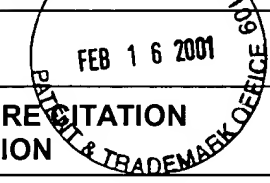
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	5,279,292	01/1994	Baumann				
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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	60-43984	03/1985	Japan			Yes	
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	62-155846	07/1987	Japan			Yes	
	1107854	08/1984	Soviet Union	623	17	Yes	
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	283078	05/1985	Spain		U.S. Equivalent US 4,877,020
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<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>					
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